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We are taking great strides forward as we rebuild our School and position ourselves for the future. We continue to attract outstanding student applicants and our faculty ranks have been strengthened by gifted teachers, exceptional clinicians, and accomplished scientists. Our foundation is strong and our students are learning how to provide cutting-edge and compassionate care for our patients. While there is a great deal of public discussion about the fate of the future LSU hospital I can assure you that it remains on track. As we are all aware this facility is critical to our primary mission which is the education and training of the future physicians that provide the majority of healthcare to our citizenry. Without it Louisiana will continue to send many of its “best and brightest” to our neighboring states. This facility will provide the nucleus for the rebirth of the medical corridor. Once again LSU will be recognized as “the academic health science center” in the region – a destination that will attract both physicians and patients who seek the best in academic medicine and healthcare. In closing, I am very grateful for all that the alumni have done and continue to do for the School. Without such ongoing support, our School would not be competitive in today’s environment. Together we will continue to build on our historical strengths and tradition of excellence in medical education.

Sincerely,

Steve Nelson, MD
Dean
LSUHSC School of Medicine



Front cover: Worth singing about — Russell Klein ('59) (left) and performer Vince Vance bring the successful 2008 Gala to a rousing close. See article about the Gala on page 18.

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NOVEMBER 7, 2009



Mark your calendars now for the **4th Annual Fall Gala** scheduled for Saturday, November 7, 2009, at the New Orleans Hilton, Poydras at the River. Proceeds will be applied to the Center for Advanced Practice.

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Mid Year

Because of the generosity of the LSU Medical Alumni Association membership and other donors, the Center for Advanced Practice is now in full use. Later this year it will be named the Russell C. Klein Center for Advanced Practice. It is a fitting tribute to the man who has been our leader and mentor.

Congratulations, Russell, from all of the Alumni. We wish you well in your new endeavors.

Cathi Fontenot ('84) has been chosen to lead the Alumni Association. We have spoken about the expectations for our organization. Cathi is an outstanding member of our group, a past President of the Alumni Association and she is well prepared to move us into the future. I know I speak for all of our members in wishing her well and offering all our support and confidence.

As we are very aware, the economic climate in our country is changing. Now more than ever we need all of you to keep your donations coming. Help us to make the School of Medicine better than ever.

Dr. Steve Nelson, our Dean, is working on a new strategic plan. Some exciting things will be happening because of that. The faculty is as dedicated and excited as they have ever been. With Steve's leadership, the School is on the move.

Thank you all again for everything you do. I promise to do my best and the Board is committed to doing the same. Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

James Leonard ('63)
President

Purple, Gold, Rock & Roll

Alumni Association Stages Third Annual Fall Gala

More than 600 alumni, faculty and Association guests gathered at the Hilton Hotel Grand Ballroom on October 17, 2008, to celebrate the Association's Third Annual Fall Gala.

With the Alex Peña Quartet (Alex Peña, Sasha Masakowski, Jesse Morrow, Paul Thibodeaux) as the warm-up act and Vince Vance and the Valiants as the main attraction, "Purple, Gold, Rock and Roll" became a huge fun-filled success.

50's costumes were the order of the day with poodle skirts, and outlandish tuxedo jackets in abundance. Several Elvis impersonators were spotted along with some more sedately dressed attendees.



Entertainer Vince Vance (*center*) gives hugs to Charles C. Mary, Jr. ('61) and his wife Lynn.



Donna and Russell C. Klein ('59) display their '50s threads, complete with a pink poodle purse.

It was an open bar, buffet-style dining, and bunny hops lead by Vince Vance himself, and a number of alumni and faculty lured onto the stage by the Valiants, in this case the nubile female Valiants, for group sing-alongs.

It was a silent auction of 199 items and a live auction of a dozen more including major pieces of LSU memorabilia contributed by Jessica Montegudo ('76) and Jack Andonie ('62) respectively. Major pieces of art were donated by A. J. Friedman ('76), Warren Plauché ('57), "Hank" Stoer ('43), Donna Klein, Cathi Fontenot ('84), Sam Scurria ('61), Mary Ann deBoisblanc, Jeff Joseph ('86), George Rodrigue, Hal Bienvenu ('79) and Mike Schutté ('79), Dr. and Mrs. Hal Stokes, Dr. and Mrs. James Leonard ('63), Dr. and Mrs. Henry Peltier ('90), Dr. and Mrs. Lee J. Monlezun ('69), and Dr. and Mrs. Chuck Schibler ('92). In all more than 140 individuals or businesses contributed to the auction.

The evening was a huge financial success, netting over \$100,000 for the Center for Advanced Practice. It closed with a duet by Russell Klein ('59) and Vince Vance bidding the guests goodbye with a rendition of the sign off song of the "Mickey Mouse Club."

Plans are well underway for Fall Gala IV scheduled for Saturday, November 7, 2009, at the Hilton Hotel.

AT THE PATRON PARTY...



Lee J. Monlezun ('69) (*left*), with Dr. Harold Stokes



Left to right: James J. Leonard ('63), President of the Alumni Association; Bennie P. Nobles ('71); and Joyce Leonard



Robert C. Batson ('71) and Dr. Susan McSherry

October 2008 Gala

AT THE PATRON PARTY...



Left to right: Helene Lopez; Honorary Alumnus Dr. Alfredo Lopez-S; Maria Eugenia Vargas; and Dr. Alfonso Vargas, the Leslie Lewinter-Suskind and Robert Suskind Professor for International Collaboration in Pediatrics.



R. Ranney Mize (*center*), Julius H. Mullins Professor of Cell Biology, is flanked by Marianne Cohn and Dr. Isidore Cohn, Jr.

AT THE GALA...



Diana and Larry Hollier ('68) on the dance floor



Beth and Charles G. Schibler II ('92) examine the silent auction list.



Earl Rozas ('64) (*standing*) poses with son Darren Rozas and daughter Jeannine Rozas Cook ('84).



Left to right: Beverly Jakes, Brian Jakes, Monica Monica ('80), Dr. Sam McCluggage, Katherine St. Amant ('77), and Dan Long ('76).



Jennifer and Henry Peltier ('90)

Faculty News

*New chairman of the
Department of Genetics:
Dr. Jay K. Kolls*

*New members of the
Department of Surgery:
Melanie Edwards, MD
Saju Joseph, MD
Jane Wey, MD*

*New member,
Department of Neurology:
Jesus Lovera, MD, MsPH*

*Dr. Jean Jacob appointed
Director of Research
Development in the School of
Medicine Office of Research*

*Daniel Nuss ('81) becomes
President of the North
American Skull Base Society.*

*Elizabeth T. H. (Terry)
Fontham, MPH, DrPH,
Dean of School of Public
Health, became the first
non-physician elected
national President of the
American Cancer Society.*

Appointments

Melanie Edwards, MD, a thoracic surgeon, has joined the faculty as an Assistant Professor of Surgery in the Department of Surgery. Dr. Edwards will concentrate on thoracic surgery and thoracic oncology and will be practicing at LSU Interim Hospital and Ochsner-Baptist.

Saju Joseph, MD, has joined the faculty of the Department of Surgery. He will be developing a hepatobiliary service at the LSU Interim Hospital and will be part of the existing NOLA NETS surgical team in Kenner, LA, where he will help develop a variety of novel therapies for patients with widespread liver malignancies.

Jane Wey, MD, a surgical oncologist, has joined the faculty in the Department of Surgery. She will focus her interests on gastrointestinal malignancies using minimally invasive and advanced surgical techniques and will be practicing at LSU Interim Hospital, Touro, and Ochsner-Baptist. She will also be involved in clinical research and is organizing the Tumor Board at LSU Interim Hospital.

Jesus Lovera, MD, MsPH, has been appointed to the faculty of the Department of Neurology. His clinical practice and research efforts are devoted to the diagnosis and treatment of multiple sclerosis. His current research focuses on evaluating neuroprotective therapies in MS using advanced MRI techniques.

Dr. Jean Jacob, Professor of Ophthalmology, has been appointed Director of Research Development in the School of Medicine Office of Research. She is a senior faculty leader and an accomplished laboratory scientist.

Awards

Jane E. Parker, JD, MBA, RN, Assistant Professor for Clinical Family Medicine and Assistant Director for Community and Minority Health Education, has been given the Group on Student Affairs-Minority Affairs Section (GSA-MAS) Service Award by the Association of American Medical Colleges in recognition of having provided substantial contributions to the GSA-MAS and its educational mission.

Head of Genetics Department

Dr. Jay K. Kolls has been appointed professor and chairman of the Department of Genetics. A pediatric pulmonologist and immunologist, Kolls led the LSUHSC gene therapy program for six years before being recruited by Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh as chief of the division of pediatric pulmonology. In 2006, he was the first professor to occupy the Neils K. Jerne Endowed Chair in Immunology at the University of Pittsburgh. Kolls is an elected member of the American Society of Clinical Investigation and the American Association of Physicians. He completed a residency in medicine/pediatrics and a research fellowship at LSUHSC-NO and with Dr. Bruce Beutler at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, TX, before joining the LSUHSC faculty in 1991.

David G. Kline, MD, former Boyd Professor and Head of Neurosurgery now retired, received the Founders Laurel from the Congress of Neurological Surgeons. The award is given for sustained contributions to educational neurosurgery nationally and internationally. There have been only four other recipients.

National Society President

Daniel Nuss ('81), FACS, Professor and Chairman of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, has been installed as President of the North American Skull Base Society. Dr. Nuss' clinical practice includes management of cranial base tumors as well as traditional head and neck oncology, and he has a special interest in reconstructive problems of the skull base, especially with regard to repair of cerebrospinal fluid leaks and encephaloceles presenting in the sino-nasal tract, using endoscopic and minimally invasive techniques. The next annual meeting of the North American Skull Base Society in New Orleans

Making History

Elizabeth T. H. (Terry) Fontham, MPH, DrPH, Dean of School of Public Health, became the first non-physician elected national President of the American Cancer Society

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when she was inducted at a special ceremony during the Society's National Assembly Meeting on November 20, 2008, in New York City. She is also the first epidemiologist and the third woman to serve as president in the organization's 96-year history.

In October 2008, she was also one of two recipients of the prestigious 2008 Alton Ochsner Award Relating Smoking and Health. The Alton Ochsner Award is supported by the Ochsner Clinic Foundation and recognizes outstanding scientific achievements that have provided pivotal insights into the biological and clinical mechanisms that relate tobacco consumption to human disease. Dr. Fontham has made significant contributions in establishing the risk of lung cancer associated with involuntary exposure to tobacco smoke.

She has been on the LSUHSC faculty since 1980, is the first Dean of LSUHSC's School of Public Health, and is also Professor of Epidemiology as well as Professor of Pathology in LSUHSC's School of Medicine. She is Associate Director of the Stanley S. Scott Cancer Center and is Senior Consultant Epidemiologist to the Louisiana Office of Public Health.

Fellowship

Dwayne Thomas ('84), MMM, FCCP, FACP, Associate Dean of Health Quality and Patient Safety, will become the first research fellow in Public Health Policy at the Satcher Health Leadership Institute at Morehouse School of Medicine. Dr. Thomas is the first Louisianian to participate in the program. The Institute was established by former US Surgeon General Dr. David Satcher to develop a core of leaders to address policy issues related to health care quality, access, and health promotion that can reduce and ultimately eliminate health disparities.

Former Faculty

M. Renee Simar, PhD, formerly an Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatrics, Section on Clinical Pharmacology at LSUHSC-NO, has joined the Pediatric Research Team of INC Research, a therapeutically focused contract research organization (CRO) with a process for delivering reliable results. As the company's principal pediatric strategist, Dr. Simar will be leading the INC Research pediatric team in developing program strategy and considerations for clinical trials in neonates, children and adolescents.

Winner of the 2008 Alton Ochsner Award — Elizabeth T. H. (Terry) Fontham, MPH, DrPH

Dwayne Thomas ('84) becomes first research fellow in Public Health Policy at the Satcher Health Leadership Institute at Morehouse School of Medicine.

Winner of the Gabe Kruks Memorial HIV/AIDS Service Award — C. Lynn Besch ('79)

National Awards

Two members of the faculty are among seven recipients of awards presented by the US Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration to outstanding HIV/AIDS health care providers for their exceptional achievements in providing health care services to medically under-served Americans living with HIV/AIDS.

C. Lynn Besch ('79), Chief of the HIV Division of Infectious Diseases and Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine at LSUHSC-NO School of Medicine, has been awarded the **Gabe Kruks Memorial HIV/AIDS Service Award** for her exceptional leadership, persistence, and ingenuity in re-establishing HIV medical services in the New Orleans area in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Ronald D. Wilcox, MD, Director/Principal Investigator of the Delta Region AIDS Education and Training Center and Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine at LSUHSC-NO School of Medicine, was given the **AIDS Education and Training Centers Award** for his ingenuity, innovation and dedication in rebuilding the Delta AETC after Hurricane Katrina and re-establishing it as the premier provider of quality training in HIV/AIDS treatment and care in Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas.

Winner of the AIDS Education and Training Centers Award — Ronald D. Wilcox, MD

New Interim Medical Director at LSU Interim Hospital (MCLNO)



Dr. Ali

Dr. Juzar Ali became the Interim Medical Director at the LSU Interim Hospital on November 1, 2008. Dr. Ali joined the LSU faculty in October 1991, where he continues to hold an appointment in the Section of Pulmonary/Critical Care Medicine. He has been a Professor of Clinical Medicine since July 2001 and currently holds the Russell Klein Professorship of Medicine in the department. Dr. Ali has been recognized with multiple teaching awards from students and house officers and continues his clinical and research activities while increasing his administrative duties.

Dr. Juzar Ali becomes new Interim Medical Director at LSU Interim Hospital.

Partnership with Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center being negotiated.

Negotiations with Our Lady of the Lake underway

Rather building a new hospital to replace the antiquated Earl K. Long Medical Center in Baton Rouge, LSU is negotiating a deal with Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center. Known locally as “the Lake,” the facility on Essen Lane would become LSU’s teaching hospital and home to medical education programs. Earl K. Long Medical, which serves the poor and uninsured, would close and its traditional patients would be admitted to the Lake. A new modern clinic is under construction on Airline Highway near EKL. LSU System Vice President **Fred Cerise** (’88) said that the Lake had previously expressed interest in developing “strong graduate medical education programs and were willing to talk about doing a real partnership with LSU.” LSU operates Baton Rouge-based physician training programs in obstetrics and gynecology, internal medicine and emergency medicine out of Earl K. Long Medical Center

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LSU Hospital wins Level 1 designation for emergency room

The American College of Surgeons has declared the Interim LSU Public Hospital, at 2021 Perdido St., a Level 1 Trauma Center. The announcement was made in December 2008 after a rigorous October inspection of the hospital and its data. Even though the team’s focus was on the emergency department, the designation applies to the entire hospital, formerly called University Hospital. In addition to having beds and equipment, plus a full complement of surgical specialists on hand, a Level 1 Trauma Center must have strong education, research and community outreach

LSU scientists identify key contributor to Alzheimer’s disease process.

programs, as well as a commitment to pediatric care. The only other Level 1 Trauma Center in Louisiana is at LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport.

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Rural Scholars Track Program gets statewide honor

Louisiana State University’s program that promotes rural health care throughout the state was named the best in the state by the Louisiana Rural Health Association. The Rural Scholars Track Program, the first of its kind in the state, was established in 2002 to recruit students who want to practice primary-care medicine. Participants, who must agree to practice in rural Louisiana, spend their first two years with classmates in New Orleans and the last two at the University Medical Center in Lafayette. “We are educating and training increasing numbers of exceptional young people to meet the medical needs of rural Louisiana, and we are grateful for the Louisiana Rural Health Association’s affirmation of our access,” said LSUHSC-NO Chancellor **Larry H. Hollier** (’68), who accepted the award.

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Key contributor to Alzheimer’s disease process identified by LSU scientists

Walter J. Lukiw, PhD, Associate Professor of Neuroscience and Ophthalmology at LSUHSC-NO, is the lead author of a paper identifying, for the first time, a specific function of a fragment of ribonucleic acid, once thought

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Regents match funding for LSUHSC chairs and professorships worth \$3.6 million

LSUHSC-NO received matching funds valued at \$3.6 million for endowed chairs for eminent scholars and endowed professorships from the Louisiana Board of Regents.

Commissioner of Higher Education, Dr. Sally Clausen, along with Regents Dr. Harold Stokes, Dr. Ingrid Labat, and Robert Bruno presented LSUHSC School of Medicine Associate Dean Dr. Janis Letourneau with a check in the amount of \$1,440,000 in matching funds from the FY 2008 Louisiana Educational Quality Support Fund to support 16 endowed professorships and one endowed chair. LSU Health Sciences Center's Schools of Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry and Public Health raised \$60,000 per professorship for a total value of \$100,000 each for the single professorships, \$120,000 for a total value of \$200,000 for the double professorships, \$180,000 for a total value of \$300,000 for the triple professorships and \$600,000 for a total value of \$1 million for the endowed chair. The 60% base was raised with contributions from the LSU Medical Alumni Association, the Committee of 100, the Johnson Foundation, Tulsa Dental Company, Cancer Crusaders, Zuppardo's, as well as faculty, staff, patients, family, friends, and loved ones. The following chair and professorships were awarded.

- The Mervin L. Trail, MD, Endowed Chair in Head and Neck Oncology
- The Tucker H. Couvillon III Professorship for Nursing Research in Parkinson's Disease
- The Leslie Lewinter-Suskind and Robert Suskind, MD, Professorship for International Pediatric Collaboration, a double professorship
- The Children's Hospital Professorship of Pediatric Research, a triple professorship
- The Nelson K. Ordway Professorship of Pediatric Research, a triple professorship
- The Bettina C. Hilman, MD, Professorship of Pediatric Allergy/Immunology, a double professorship
- The Johnson Foundation Professorship in Endodontics
- The Tulsa Dental Professorship in Endodontics
- The Howard Buechner, MD ('43), Professorship of Medicine, a triple professorship
- The Raja W. Dhurandhar, MD, Professorship of Cardiology
- The Charles Hilton, MD ('76), Professorship of Medical Education
- The Alice Baker Holoubek, MD ('38), Endowed Professorship
- The William A. Rock, Jr., MD ('69), Professorship in Clinical Pathology
- The Charles L. Brown, Jr., MD, Professorship of Health Promotion
- The Frances Zuppardo Professorship of Cancer Research
- The Cancer Crusaders Professorship of Research, a double professorship

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to be no more than a byproduct, in regulating inflammation and the development of Alzheimer's disease. The paper, *An NF-kB-sensitive micro RNA-146a-mediated inflammatory circuit in Alzheimer's disease and in stressed human brain cells*, was published in the November 14, 2008, issue of *The Journal of Biological Chemistry*. Dr. Lukiw's lab at the Neuroscience Center of Excellence has shown that this microRNA, called miRNA-146a, is found in increased amounts in stressed human brain cells and in Alzheimer's disease, and that it plays a crucial role in the regulation of inflammation and disease-related neuropathology thought to be integral to the Alzheimer's disease process.

New AOA members

Beta of Louisiana Chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha welcomed the following new members joining the chapter as seniors:

Jacques Ancelet	Suzy Gallien Kingston
Elizabeth Ball	Cody Mayo
Joseph Bergeron	Russell Russo
Scott Francioni	Blake Saltaformaggio
Evan Gwyn	Steve Schneider
Seth Hayes	Charles Smith
Melissa Hester	Joshua Wilensky
David Karam	

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LSU Plastic Surgery

Thomas Zaydon, Jr., MD, FACS

Appointed Chief of Plastic Surgery at Mercy Hospital in Miami, Florida (2008).



Tiger Cubs 2008

LAMMACO Scholarship Winner



Left to right: Chammy Allen, Manager Business Development LAMMICO; LAMMICO Scholarship Recipient, Jacob Lessing; Tara Byrd, Marketing Representative. LAMMICO



left to right: Alan Stolie ('70), Helene Augustin ('80), Emily Augustin Burgin (Cub), David Burgin ('80), Jeanne Stolie



PHOTO, LEFT
left to right: Dr. Patricia Molina (Professor and Chairman, Physiology), Miguel Molina (Cub), Miguel Molina, MD



left to right: Maureen Doucet, Madeline Doucet, Donald Doucet ('82), Ashley Doucet (Cub), Gerald Bordelon

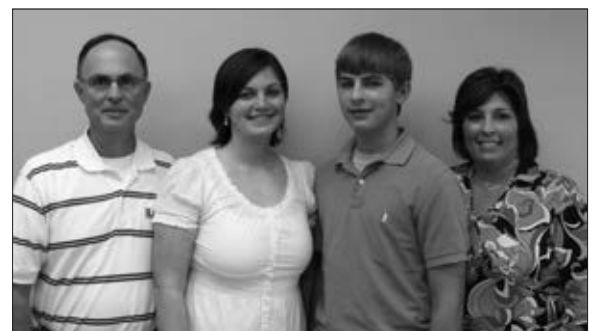


left to right: Robert E. Owens ('75), Jane Owens, Robert P. Owens (Cub), Dr. Jessica Owens

PHOTO, RIGHT
left to right: Charles Beck ('76), Ariana Beck (Cub), Elizabeth Beck



PHOTO, LEFT
left to right: Sophia Cenac (Cub), Joseph Cenac ('79), Sandra Cenac



left to right: Donald Brignac ('81), Theresa Brignac (Cub), Philip Brignac, Janet Brignac





PHOTO, LEFT
left to right: Kelly Edwards (Cub), Martha Sabatier Hoag ('83), Warren Hoag, Madeline Hoag (in front)



left to right: Charles Haymon, Veronique Haymon (Cub), Marie Louise Haymon ('88)

PHOTO, RIGHT
left to right: William Anderson ('82), Scott Anderson (Cub), Jayne Anderson



left to right: Stephen Goodwin ('79), Lindsey Goodwin (Cub), Anise Goodwin



left to right: Joseph Gallagher III, Patricia Gallagher (Cub), Ruthanne Gallagher ('78)




left to right: William Farrell ('74), Clare Farrell (Cub), Erin Farrell ('06), Marlene Farrell



left to right: Harry Molligan III ('83), Harry Molligan IV (Cub), Ann Leslie Molligan ('83)

Not pictured	
<i>Cub</i>	<i>Parent(s)/Relative</i>
Nathan Bolton	John Bolton ('83)
Blair Budden	Jeff Budden ('81)
Brett Budden	Jeff Budden ('81)
Kevin Gipson	Gretchen M. Yandle ('07)
Leonard Glade	Susan Glade ('81), Leonard Glade ('80) and grandson of Morris Klinger (Dec. '43)



Tigerlines

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Jack Frank, Crowley, LA – “Still living!”

'44

George Tennison, Silsbee, TX – “Ninety, but still here!”

'48

John Davis, Mandeville, LA – “My interest in the Laws of Physics of Isaac Newton and Einstein has resulted in essays on the physics of Gravitation. Albert Einstein: $E=MC^2$; Me: $E=MR^2$, where R=the Radius of spherical expanding energy vibrations in the absence of humankind time (in the presence of God's Eternity). Where E=Eternity, M=Mass and R² is radius squared (the inverse square law of Isaac Newton 321 years ago).”

'53

George Bourgeois, Opelousas, LA – “Had my 80th birthday on 11/18/08. Practicing at a somewhat leisurely pace. First grandchild born 1 year ago. Wife, Jeanette (formerly MacKey), CRNA retiring at end of this year.”

Martha Haley Pope, Baton Rouge, LA – “In spite of a few health problems, we are doing well. Our four grandchildren (2 girls and 2 boys) are a constant delight! I keep busy working two days per week. All good wishes for a grand 2009!”

'57

Alvin Cotlar, Gulfport, MS – Joined surgical staff of Biloxi VA Medical Center this past June. “Enjoying operating and training residents as much as ever. Will miss Russell Klein!”

'58

George Baquet, Baker, LA – “I retired at age 75 from medical practice on 12/31/07. Dr. Gors told me I owed the

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Gold-Headed Cane

Robert Turner III ('54), Fort Worth, TX, is the recipient of the 2008 Gold-Headed Cane, an award bestowed by the Tarrant County Medical Society as the embodiment of service, sacrifice, and skill within the medical profession. It is the Tarrant County Medical Society's highest collegial recognition.

Dr. Turner, who has lived in Fort Worth for 40 years, retired from his surgical practice in 2002. Since then he has become an author and an artist, focusing on drawing and watercolors. He is a docent at the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth and is training to be a docent at the Kimball Art Museum.

State of La 25 years for my education at LSU – I gave 49 years!”

Paul Young, Durham, NH – “Wife, Jerry, and I are World Medical Tennis Champions in the 75-70 Year Mixed Doubles. The World Medical Tennis Championships were held in Croatia in September 2008.”

'59

Walter Daniels, Morgan City, LA – “Looking forward to our 50th year reunion celebration. Still working 3 days a week. I was going to retire and informed my staff. The next day they presented me with a roll of wrapping paper with a note attached ‘2,000 reasons why you can't retire.’ Need I say more!”

'64

Francis Cazayoux, New Roads, LA – Currently retired and living on False River. “Just ‘received’ delivery of my 18th grandchild.”

Darryl Johnson, Ruston, LA – Retired from ophthalmology in June 2007. “Enjoying gardening, traveling, fishing, with my bride of 44 years, Maureen. Looking forward to the 45th Reunion in June 2009.”

'65

Margaret Wheat-Carter, Natchitoches, LA – “I retired January 1, 2008, after practicing medicine for 43 years (36 years of ophthalmology). Three of my 4 children are LSU-Shreveport Medical School graduates. Two of them, Pat and Stephen Wheat (who did residency at LSU-New Orleans), are in Natchitoches, and one, Ashley Wheat Sipes, in Shreveport.”

'67

Randy Watson, Zephyr Cove, NV – “After 35 years of practice of Orthopedics & Sports Medicine here at Lake Tahoe (Nevada/California), I have retired!”

'68

Sid Lawton, Littleton, CO – “I retired from Radiology after 33 years with the Baton Rouge Radiology Group. My wife, Cheryl and I have relocated to the Denver area where our 3 daughters and 4 grandchildren live. My son, **Sid ('03)**, will join the Baton Rouge Radiology Group in July 09. Life is good!”

Burt Strug, Tucson, AZ – Retired, cardiac surgery.

'69

Don Mickal, Lafayette, LA – “Still in Lafayette (30 years) and still full time in Ob/Gyn. Married to Bonnie 46 years. We have 6 children and 8 grandchildren.”

'71

Bennie Nobles, Kenner, LA – “Blessed to still be working full time in Ob/Gyn. Seven grandchildren are a delight. I count it a joy and privilege to have the

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Dr. Griffith

Former State Senator **R. Parker Griffith, Jr.**, ('70) won in his run for Congress in Alabama's Fifth District. Griffith was elected to the State Senate in November of 2006 and represented Senate District 7, which is located in the heart of Huntsville and Alabama's Madison County. In the State Senate, Griffith emerged as a leader on issues like helping to make sure Alabama families have access to affordable health care and ensuring that children receive the early childhood education they need. Griffith has also proven his ability to work across the aisle to get things done for the people he represents.

A retired physician, Dr. Griffith has lived and worked in Huntsville, AL, for over 30 years. He was the first radiation oncologist in North Alabama and a pioneer in the early diagnosis and treatment of cancer, establishing the first of its kind comprehensive cancer center in the area.

Griffith also developed several local small businesses in the area and understands the needs of small businesses owners. He has been involved in education through the Griffith Family Foundation, which awards grants to classroom teachers in the Huntsville community, and serves as a guest teacher in local public schools.

and nice people. I am very grateful to LSU for a wonderful education."

'74

Patricia McGuff Schneider, St. Francisville, LA – "Still practicing 35 years after graduation. I enjoy all those new babies – many are 2nd generation patients. I am practicing with 2 former pediatric patients – LSU grads as well, **Chaillie Daniel** ('97) and **Tim Lindsey** ('02) – both FPs."

'76

Julius Mullins, Baton Rouge, LA – Still practicing Ob/Gyn in Baton Rouge at Woman's Hospital. "Three granddaughters – All 3 kids live in Virginia."

'78

Melody Bruce, Menands, NY – Still practicing OB/Gyn in Troy, NY; recently honored by the Perinatal Network of Northeast New York with the Community Cradle Award for dedication and service to the families of the Capitol District.

'79

Sharon Anderson, West Linn, OR – President-Elect of the American Society of Nephrology.

'80

Barry Bruggers, Cry, NC – "Still hanging in there practicing Gyn only. Getting back 'home' more often now as Jennifer graduated from LSUMC-NO in May. Jessica is in PA program at NOVA-SE in Florida. Josh finishes high school in May; LSU Baton Rouge is possibly in his future."

Thomas McCalla, Lake Charles, LA – "I am now 62 years old (late start). I'm still practicing solo General Surgery since 1984 and still going to the ER."

third-year medical students come through our practice for a month-long rotation. Consider being a mentor to anyone as we have a wealth of experience to share. Blessings to all!"

'72

Bradley Black, Baton Rouge, LA – President of the American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus. Continues to work in International Ophthalmology, most recently in Uganda.

Edwin Davidson, Pass Christian, MS – With the Medical Oncology Group, Gulfport, MS – since 1978.

Edward Jeffries, Baton Rouge, LA – "Younger son Morgan will complete neurology residency at Columbia Presbyterian, NYC in June 2009. He plans to do a research fellowship."

'73

Jeff Chicola, Pensacola, FL – Appointed Assistant Professor, FSU School of Medicine, in charge of surgery training at Pensacola Campus. Chief of Otolaryngology at Nemours Children's Clinic in Pensacola. "There are many LSU Tigers here in Pensacola."

Al Seyfer, Bethesda, MD – Head of Anatomy course at F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine – Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, Maryland. Appointed Distinguished Professor of Anatomy and Surgery. "My wife, Glenna, is an RN at NIH. We are going to be grandparents soon!"

Miriam Weinstein, Knoxville, TN – Doing Pediatric Rehabilitation at University of Tennessee Graduate Medical Center, mostly covering consultations at the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and Trauma patients and private practice. "It's a beautiful town

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Dr. Cassidy

William Cassidy ('83) was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, representing the Sixth District of Louisiana. On December 9, 2006, in his first bid for public office, he won a special election for the District 16 seat in the Louisiana Senate. On October 20, 2007, he was re-elected, this time to a full four-year term in the Louisiana State Senate. Cassidy specializes in the treatment of diseases of the liver, both in private practice and at the Earl K. Long State Hospital in Baton Rouge.

He co-founded the Greater Baton Rouge Community Clinic, which provides free dental and health care to the working uninsured, and has developed public health programs such as the School-Based Hepatitis B Vaccination program. Over 6 years, this public-private coalition vaccinated over 36,000 public, private and parochial school children in 10 parishes at no cost to parents, schools, or state and local government. Dr. Cassidy worked with the Centers for Disease Control developing programs to increase flu immunization rates. When Hurricane Katrina hit Louisiana, he led a group of volunteers who converted an abandoned K-Mart building with inadequate plumbing, wiring, and air conditioning into a functioning field hospital within 30 hours.

In the Louisiana legislature, he helped secure record amounts of funding for LSU and the Pennington Biomedical Research center, received a perfect "100" rating from the Louisiana Family Forum in recognition of his pro-family votes, and sponsored a Department of Education initiative to address childhood obesity.

Morgan, will graduate from high school in the spring of 2009 and is looking forward to college. We are of course cheering for the LSU Tigers!"

Steve Sykes, Dothan, AL – Currently practicing anesthesia and pain management. "Celebrating 10th year in Dothan. Youngest child graduated from Auburn with architecture degree last May."

'84

Ken Richeaux, Colorado Springs, CO – Pediatric Hospitalist for the last 10 years. Appointed Regional, then National Faculty for American Heart Association's Pediatric Advanced Life Support Program. Have served on the Board of Managers for the joint venture between Memorial Hospital and the (Denver) Children's Hospital. "Still in Colorado after 21 years! The 4 kids are grown –

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Patricia Shearer ('86) is Director of the new University of Florida Shands Cancer Center Survivor Program. The program is committed to developing an interdisciplinary arrangement for providing cancer survivors of all ages with postcancer treatment and evidence-based guidelines for long-term health empowerment. This novel program also provides unique opportunities for permitting age-related and disease-related cohort studies.

Dr. Shearer has several research collaborations underway in the following areas: chronic pain in head and neck cancer survivors; community-based participatory research and establishment of a network for young adult survivors of childhood cancer in Florida; quality of life in cancer survivors; survivorship care response in primary care settings; and H. Lee Moffit Cancer Center.

'81

Carl Blunck, Mobile, AL – "Unbelievably saddened over death of classmate, **Deborah French ('81)**. I'm sure I speak for all of the **Class of '81** in expressing our deepest sympathies for her family. She was accomplished, humane, and sweet to all she touched.

"Daughter Hallie is at UAB Medical School. I hope that sons, Hans and Conrad can be LSU Medical School attendees. Need more LSU Tigers in our area."

'82

Bill Beuttler, Ventura, CA – "Wife, **Kathleen ('81)** and I are visiting New Orleans more frequently because son, Marc, is a freshman at Tulane."

Tim Molony, New Orleans, LA – "Oldest son, Christian, is pre-med at Boston College. Hopefully a future Tiger!"

'83

Mary-Nell Anderson, Baton Rouge, LA – Working at Spine Diagnostics in Baton Rouge with **Mike Burdine ('83)**. "Married to **Stephen Pollet ('81)** and recently celebrated our 25-year anniversary! We have 4 children: Son, David Pollet, L3 at LSUMC-NO; son, Mark Pollet, 1st year medical student at University Texas Southwestern, Dallas; daughter, Danielle, freshman Baton Rouge Community College; daughter, Mary-Grace, 8th grader at St. Aloysius."

Brett Koder, Shelby, NC – In practice for past 13 years with ENT Carolina. "Still married to Elaine. Our daughter,

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youngest is 18 and graduates in May. See y'all at the Reunion!"

'89

Joni Orazio and Charles Bramlet, Lafayette, LA – "We have just celebrated 20 years of marriage. Our oldest is now a LSU Tiger as a freshman in engineering. Our other two are in high school and middle school. We are both in private practice and feel blessed that our practices still give us a feeling of great purpose."

'90

Dick Pino, West Newton, MA – At MGH in Boston. Promoted this summer to Captain in the Navy Reserve.

Graham Tujague, Baton Rouge, LA – "My partner **Kevin DiBenedetto ('83)** and Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center celebrate 10-year Anniversary of Convenient Care, LLC, in January. Convenient Care owns and operates seven Lake after Hours Urgent Care Clinics in Baton Rouge, Denham Springs, and Hammond and Total Occupational Medicine. Lake after Hours is expected to treat more than 90,000 patients in 2008. The website is: www.lakeafterhours.com.

'91

Garnetta Morin-Ducote, Knoxville, TN – At the University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville "surrounded by orange but still pulling for the Tigers."

'92

Timothy Ehrlich, Westport, CT – "I am the Director of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery at St. Vincent's Medical Center, one of the busiest programs in Connecticut. Involved in numerous FDA and clinical trials for the surgical treatment of obesity. Wife and 3 kids, Zoe, Lola and Nate."

Vincent Forte, Monroe, LA – Elected President of Louisiana Society of Interventional Pain Physicians 2008.

'93

Brian Bourgeois, New Orleans, LA – Practicing on the West Bank in Occupational Medicine and Diver Medicine. "Wife, Jeanne, and I have two kids – Elise, 7 years old, and John Michael, 4 years old. Early retirement from general surgery. Things are perfect. Hello to all!"

'94

Maria Weimer, Metairie, LA – I am still on faculty at LSUHSC/ Children's Hospital in Pediatric Neurology. **Steve ('92)** and I now have a son James, who is now 18 months old.

'95

Mia Singleton-Ben, Opelousas, LA – "Recently honored as one of the

'Women of St. Landry Parish – 2009' Mrs. February."

'97

Luis Espinoza, Metairie, LA – Has an orthopaedic sports medicine practice in Kenner/Metairie. "Wife, **Andrea ('00)**, continues her practice of pulmonary and intensive care medicine at Chabert Medical Center in Houma. Children: Manny Espinoza is 3½ and Clyana is 2 years old, both are growing like weeds!"

'00

Gabriela Espinoza, Saint Louis, MO – "My husband, Melvin Maclin II, MD, and I are expecting our first child in January 2009. Drs. Luis and Carmen Espinoza (faculty); **Andrea Girod-Espinoza (faculty '00)** and **Luis Espinoza ('97)** are looking forward to

Tiger in the News



Dr. Boustany

Charles W. Boustany ('82) was elected to his second term in the U.S. House of Representatives, representing Louisiana's Seventh District. A native of Lafayette, LA, he earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Southwestern Louisiana (now UL-Lafayette) in 1978. After being awarded the Urban Maes Award for Excellence in Surgery, he received his MD from LSUSM-NO in 1982, was a general surgery resident at the LSU Division of Charity Hospital, and then became Chief Resident in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery at the University of Rochester, NY. On completion of his residency in 1990, he returned to Lafayette, where he opened his practice.

While caring for thousands of patients, he also established himself as one of South Louisiana's most civic-minded citizens. With an eye on how to make Southwest Louisiana thrive, Dr. Boustany wrote a Prescription for Prosperity, which became the backbone of his congressional campaign in 2004. He subsequently won that election, and was reelected in 2008 to continue his work in the House of Representatives.

Dr. Boustany is currently on the Ways and Means Committee, serving as a ranking member of the Oversight Committee and on the Income Security and Family Support Subcommittee. He is also serving in the following Caucuses: I-49 Caucus; Congressional Sportsman's Caucus; Mississippi River Caucus; Medical Doctor's Caucus; and the Coast Guard Caucus.

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1940 Mildred E. Ward
1945 Charles E. LeBlanc
1948 Harold W. Richmond
1950 Rafael C. Sanchez
 J. Lane Sauls
1953 Robert T. Rounsaville
1954 Robert Braswell
 Harold G. Gonsoulin
 Harmon J. Ward

1955 Robert J. Maraist
1957 Boniface G. Troclair
1958 Charles A. Borne
1959 Bryson D. Jones
1963 Virginia S. Hammond
1968 Alan W. Dascomb



the addition of baby boy Maclin to the family.”

'02

Jakeen Williams Johnson, Houston, TX – “My husband, Dr. Garfield Johnson III, and I welcomed our 1st baby: Graham Joseph Johnson on October 2, 2009.”

'05

Katie Anders Goudelocke, Shreveport, LA – “**Colin ('04)** and I have a baby boy! Augustin Joseph was born on September 11, 2008. We will be moving to Charleston, SC next summer to do a fellowship in female urology and I plan to do a fellowship in child and adolescent psychiatry.”

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Joyce Goswami ('05) married to Sameer Vachani in Kolkata, India, on March 8, 2008. “We had an amazing wedding celebration that started in India in March, followed by an Elvis-style wedding at the Graceland Chapel in Las Vegas in April! We continued our celebrations with a reception in New Orleans, LA in May, and a reception in Augusta, GA in June. We thank all our family and friends who made our celebrations so special.”



Wedding in India

Dr. Goswami is currently working as a pediatric hospitalist at Emory and her husband is the vice president of business development in Atlanta.



The couple is serenaded Elvis-style by... is it? Could it be...?

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From the Alumni Office. . .



Dear All,

I am extremely honored to follow in the footsteps of **Russell Klein ('59)** as Associate Dean for Alumni Affairs. My official first day was January 5, 2009. Russell has been graciously helping me transition into my new role. His shoes will be tough to fill. As you may know, Russell assumed the position in January 1985 when his predecessor, Dr. Richard Paddison, retired.

Under his leadership over 23 million dollars have been raised, the Committee of 100 has grown from 64 members to almost 700, and the Isidore Cohn Student Learning Center and Russell Klein Center for Advanced Practice have been built to advance the educational mission of the School of Medicine. Additionally, the 500 Club was born and serves to enhance the Basic Science Departments.

Russell is completing his book on the history of the LSU School of Medicine and will continue to preserve the institutional memory as he has done for all these years. Also, he will continue to serve the Health Sciences Center as Director of Special Projects.

My plans for this year include outreach trips to various alumni groups throughout the state, development of an electronic communication capability (email list serve) and a commitment to expansion of membership in the Committee of 100.

I hope to see many of you on these road trips, renew old relationships, and establish new ones. The Office of Alumni Affairs exists to support the School of Medicine and nurture its relationships with Alumni. Please do not hesitate to communicate your needs and ideas about how this office can serve you better.

I would also like to challenge my Class of 1984 to attend our 25th Reunion this year and set an attendance record. I look forward with great anticipation to seeing you in June and again in November at our 4th Annual Fall Gala.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cathi Fontenot".

Cathi Fontenot ('84)
Associate Dean



left to right: Anne Monlezun, Cherie Niles ('87), and Lee Monlezun ('69) celebrate the 1950s at the Gala.



Vince Vance leads an enthusiastic group in doing the Bunny Hop.

2008 Gala

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